

# Court blocks publication of inside look at CIA

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has obtained a temporary court order preventing a former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) from publishing a magazine article or book about the CIA's intelligence-gathering activities.

The broadly-worded court order, signed by U.S. District Court Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. in Alexandria, Va., also requires the former agent, Victor L. Marchetti, to return to the CIA all documents and other property he obtained while employed there.

In addition, Marchetti was ordered to submit any manuscript or other writing about the CIA — "factual, fictional or otherwise" — to the agency for examination at least 30 days before its release.

THE ACTION was based on the theory that Marchetti had breached a contract he signed as a CIA employee,

promising not to disclose information that might jeopardize national security.

Marchetti was employed by the CIA from 1959 to 1969, serving at one point as executive assistant to the agency's deputy director. After resigning, he published a novel called "The Rope Dancer" about an employee of the "National Intelligence Agency."

In affidavits submitted to Bryan, high-ranking CIA officials, including director Richard Helms, said the CIA has received advance copies of an article entitled "Twilight of the Spooks", written by Marchetti for publication in "a magazine with nationwide circulation."

The CIA officials said they also have obtained a copy of an outline for a book about the CIA, written by Marchetti and purchased by "a leading publishing house in New York."

THE JUSTICE Department did not disclose the names of the publishing house and the magazine. However, late

Tuesday night, Aaron Latham, an associate editor of Esquire magazine, acknowledged that Marchetti recently wrote an article entitled "Twilight of the Spooks" for Esquire.

Latham said that about two weeks ago, Esquire returned the manuscript without publishing it at Marchetti's request, after Marchetti told Esquire he had signed a contract with the publishing house of Albert A. Knopf to do a book about the CIA.

Copies of the magazine article and book outline were submitted to Judge Bryan by the CIA for his private examination. The CIA said that agent Robert P. B. Lehmann of New York City obtained the manuscript from "a confidential source" on March 12. No reason was given for the month-long delay before the court action.

With the manuscripts was a CIA deputy director's analysis of the ways he feels the article jeopardizes current intelligence sources and methods.